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Identical letters dated 1 May 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The Israeli Government continues to pursue its bloody military campaign, which began on 28 September 2000, against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, causing more Palestinian deaths and injuries and destruction of property, and terrorizing the Palestinian civilian population under its occupation.

Yesterday, 30 April 2001, an explosion was set off in the city of Ramallah, completely destroying a two-storey building and killing three people, including a 7-year-old Palestinian boy and his 3-year-old sister. The Israeli occupying forces had apparently been targeting the man who was killed in that blast, 24-year-old Hassan Qadi. The explosion thus represents another criminal method being used by the Israeli occupying forces to continue carrying out the illegal practice of extrajudicial killings.

Further, two other explosions were also set off in the Gaza Strip yesterday, which resulted in the killing of three more Palestinians. In addition to the deaths caused by such violent and brutal actions, committed with absolutely no regard for international humanitarian law and the lives of innocent civilians in residential areas, several other civilians were injured and severe structural damage was caused by both the Ramallah and Gaza bombing explosions.

We hold the Israeli Government fully responsible for the above-mentioned actions and their serious consequences, which represent additional war crimes being committed by the occupying Power against the Palestinian civilian population under its occupation. Moreover, we reiterate that such actions are akin to state terrorism being perpetrated by Israel against the Palestinian people.

In follow-up to our previous letters to you on this critical issue, dated from 29 September 2000 to 26 April 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-

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S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; and A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418), I wish to draw your attention to the fact that, since our last letter, 10 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces. (The names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to this letter.) These killings, resulting from the use of excessive force through numerous military means being used by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000, bring the total number of Palestinian martyrs to 437 people. It is clear that while the international community continues to fail to intervene in the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, the number of Palestinian deaths and injuries continues to rise as Israel persists with its bloody military campaign.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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Annex

Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem* (Thursday, 26 April to Tuesday, 1 May 2001)

Thursday, 26 April 2001

Atef Ahmed Wahdan

Saturday, 28 April 2001

Emad Dawoud Karaa'kia

Monday, 30 April 2001

1. Adnan Asa'ad Marzouk
2. Hamdi Selim Al Madhoun
3. Abdel Karim Abu Khaled (18 years old)
4. Hasan Al Qadi
5. Jamal Barakat (7 years old)
6. Malak Jamal Barakat (3 years old)
7. Wael Khalil Abu Muheisen

Tuesday, 1 May 2001

Mohammed Suleiman Abu Jazar

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* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 = 437.